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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH
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Dear Allen:

Mr. Murphy has asked me to request preparation of a National Intelligence Estimate on Austria. There are indications, such as action to reduce the defence budget, which suggest that there may have been changes in the view the Austrians take of their neutrality and of what it may mean in time of crisis. These changes may be of a calibre to alter the judgment expressed in our last National Estimate on the subject, and to alter it in a way that would be significant for current policy decisions regarding Austria. The Joint Staff, after reviewing these indications, likewise support the view that a review of the estimate would be desirable.

I hope, therefore, that you will see your way to adding Austria to what I know is an already crowded schedule of estimates. Unfortunately time is short; we should like an estimate as soon as practicable. I suggest we leave the detailed scheduling to be worked out between ONE and our West European Office. Meanwhile, our Office is preparing detailed proposals as a contribution to the terms of reference, and will be glad to discuss these, too, with ONE at any time.

Sincerely yours,

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Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.

The Director of Intelligence and Research

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The Honorable

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